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Charles L.A. Terreni, Esquire  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Palmetto Utilities, Inc. for Approval of an Expansion of its Existing Sewer Service Area to Include Certain Portions of Richland County Adjacent to its Existing Service Area  
**Docket No. 2009-173-S**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above-docketed matter and has no objection to Palmetto Utilities, Inc.'s ("Palmetto") Application to expand its sewer service area. The proposed service area is not currently served by any public utility providing sewer service subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, and no governmental entity has sewer service facilities in the area. Additionally, Richland County has consented to Palmetto's provision of service in the proposed service area. Adequate sewer capacity is available for these additional customers.

Sincerely,

*Shealy Boland Reibold*

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